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GEN. MILES RETICENT THE CHRIST CHILD

Does Not Intimate What Steps He Commemoration of the Saviour's Will Take, if Any.

UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENTS SERVICES IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Court of Inquiry.

THE RETIREMENT QUESTION LESSON TAUGHT IN HOMES

Lieut. Gen. Miles returned to the city last however, showed clearly that he felt keenly ment that he would ask for a court of inquiry to investigate the matter was unau- today where special services were held mu-

Court of Inquiry.

It was stated at the War Department that it was clearly within the rights of an officer to ask for a court of inquiry to clear his record of what he regarded as unjust charges, but that such application might properly be rejected by the President within his discretion. The right of rejection in such cases is rarely, if ever, exercised, however, except to indicate that the authorities do not consider the case of sumclent gravity or importance to justify official investi-gation. In the words of an officer of the judge advocate general's department, "the denial of an application for a court of inquiry is equivalent to an offic al declara-tion of the officer's exoneration of the charges in question

The Retirement Question.

The impression is general in military circles that if Gen. Miles should attempt to make an issue with the President in this matter he would be compulsorily retired under the statute authorizing such action in the case of an officer over sixty-two years of age, and that another general oficer, either Gen. Brooke, Gen. Otis, Gen. Young, Gen. MacArthur or Gen. Corbin, all of whom are eligible, would be placed in ommand of the army. Gens. Brooke and Otis are near retirement on account of age, so that in the event of a vacancy the selecother officers named

GOING TO PORT OF SPAIN.

The Prairie Will Proceed to the

gram this morning announcing that the kinsville at daylight for Hampton Roads. whence she will proceed direct to Port of Spain. on Trinidad Island, just off the north coast of Venezuela,

The department was also informed of the arrival of the collier Ajax at Cavite, the Yankton at Cienfuegos and the Topeka at

FEW WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

No Word Has Been Received From Governor Shaw.

It was a closed season at the White House today-all office hunters barred. There was no poaching on the executive premises, for even the secretary's office was posted.

The President spent the greater part of the day with his family and a few friends who called in the forenoon, including Senator and Mrs. Lodge and Secretary and Mrs. Root. There were no official visitors and the place were a distinct air of quiet and se-

Unofficially, it was learned that Gov. Shaw who is being considered in connection with the office of Secretary of the Treasury, had not made communication upon the subject. Gov. Shaw is expected in Washington some time tomorrow, and the decision will prob-ably be reached after he has had a conferwith the President.

A large portion of the clerical force was excused for the day. The President put in much of the time in the residence part of the building, giving his principal attention to the children of the household, who were the recipients of many presents, both from their parents and from others. smaller members generally hung stockings up last night, and all found upon awaking at an early hour that Claus" had been astir ahead of them and day all assembled in the family room, where and where a jolly hour was spent. The family dinner will take place at 7:30 to night at the residence of Commander

IMPROVEMENTS AT NANTES. Construction of a Sewerage System

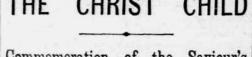
Began. Consul Brittain, at Nantes, has made report to the State Department in regard to the sewer system in Nantes, in which

he says: "The improvement of the sanitary cond!tion of Nantes has been discussed by the council and citizens for the past ten years. At present, water is taken from the River Loire, along the banks of which are numerous manufacturing establishments. According to a recently published report less than half the city is properly sewered. The sewage from many of the buildings passes into cesspools, which are emptied from time to time, but their contents contaminate the Some years ago a Marseilles company agreed to construct a system of sew the offer was rejected as too expensive, and which has been commenced. The main col lector will pass through the of the Loire, and its dimensions will be 86.6 by 51.18 inches. four secondary collectors, 78.74 by 39.37 inches in diameter. The materials construction will be stone and brick, laid in The combined length of the streets which should be sewered is about sixty-two miles, and there are twenty-five miles of old sewers. The city will soon in-clude within its limits the suburbs of Dulon and Chantenay, which will give it a population of about 200,000."

Rochester Firemen Hurt.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 25 .- Th large factory of the G. S. Graham Machine Company was totally destroyed by fire early today. Three firemen were hurt by falling walls, but none of them fatally. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., December 25.-The Simpson Clothing Company, a prominent retail establishment, has made an assignment. Liabilities, \$30,000; assets estimated at practically the same amount. A trustee



Birth in Bethlehem.

Within His Rights to Ask for a Elaborate Programs of Music Features of the Exercises.

Although the observance of Christmas in evening from New York, where he went to this city is essentially centered in the home, attend the annual dinner of the New Eng- its significance as the greatest religious anland Society. In order to avoid further con- niversary of the year is by no mean overtroversy on the subject, the general declines | looked. In the early hours of Christmas to make any comment in regard to the rep- morning the churches where midnight serrimand given him by the Secretary of War, | vices were held were filled with reverent by direction of the President, for his public and devout congregations who saw with comments on the report of the Schley court | their mental vision the marvelous spectaof Inquiry. Nor would be so much as even | cle which was witnessed in Bethlehem so Intimate what further steps, if any, he many centuries ago. This event so imporwould take in the matter. His manner, | tant in the history of the human race and yet so simple in its surroundings, appealed the stigma cast upon his record by the se- to the artistic imagination of men as well vere rebuke administered by direction of as to their hearts and intellect, and the the President. About all he would say on story of the birth of Christ has furnished the subject was that the published state- the theme for the leftiest compositions of the most gifted musicians. In the churches sic, both vocal and instrumental, under the skilled supervision of trained musicians voiced the joy and the gladness of the festal occasion. Large numbers attended the Catholic and Episcopal houses of worship, both at the early and later services, and the elaborate programs of music specially prepared for each, as already noted in The Star, were sung with the true devotional spirit which is characteristic of the best

church music.

In the Lutheran churches the services of the day were marked by the rendition of the productions of noted composers. In such churches of other denominations which were not open today the services last Sunday were, as a rule, animated by the spirit of the anniversary.

Apart from the religious observance, the celebration as stated was largely centered.

celebration, as stated, was largely centered in the home, where the reunion of families took place, and where there was a pleas-ant interchange of joyous greetings and seasonablee gifts. In many respects it was a day for the children, beginning with the surprises of the Christmas stocking and the delights of the tree, followed by a day devoted to the receipt of gifts and an abundance of sweetmeats.

From the wealth of sentiment which comes from the reunion of family circles arises the effort which has assumed such large proportions of attempting to bring some measure of Christmas cheer to those without homes and to those homes where poverty and suffering are present. To the latter were sent materials for a Christmas dinner and such help as was found to be most needed. For those in institutions and the detached individuals apparently with-out any family ties, human sympathy found expression in such form as to bring to countless of the hungry, the desolate and cheer of the joyous Christmas season. The day was observed as a holiday and business places were closed, the employes, wearied by the extra work which the rush of Christmas shopping remaining at home to enjoy the opportunity

for rest and recreation. Features of Church Programs.

Among the features of the Christmas day services in the churches were these: An elaborate musical program was ren

dered by the choir of St. John's Church. and Miss Anita Cluss played several selections on the harp.

The pastoral symphony from Handel's "Messiah" was included in the musical program at St. John's Church, Georgetown. A choral celebration of the holy communion was a feature of the services at St. Luke's Church. The music was fur-

nished by an augmented choir. A choir of twenty-four voices, with a quartet, gave an attractive program of music at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. A full chorus choir at Trinity Episcopal

Church rendered the special music which had been prepared for the occasion. At St. Michael's and All Angels' P. E. Church the music included the Gloria in Excelsis, old chant, and Bach's offertory "There Were Shepherds Abiding

in the Field.

sang the music at Epiphany Episcopal At St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral the sermon

at the 11 o'clock service was delivered by the bishop. There were early morning services at the uther Place Memorial Church and at the Keller Memorial Lutheran Church. There were services also today at the

following Lutheran churches: St. Paul's, 11 o'clock; Memorial, 7 o'clock a.m.; Reformation, 11 a.m.; Concordia, 11 a.m.; Zion's (German), 11 a.m.; St. John's (German), 11 a.m.; West Washington, 6 a.m.; Church the Redeemer, 5 a.m.; Grace, 11 a.m.; St. Mark's, 10 a.m.

An early morning prayer meeting was held at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, and at 10 o'clock the services were under the auspices of the Sunday school A service was held at the Church of the Covenant this morning, when the pastor, Rev. Dr. Hamiln, delivered the sermon. were appropriate services also in many other churches throughout the Dis-

Among Catholic Churches

By special permission of the cardinal the services at the Church of the Sacred Heart began with high mass at midnight, the congregation which assembled on the occasion being one of the largest in the brief history of the parish. All the several features of this unusual service were attractive, the music being especially fine. A particular interest centered on the mass, however, because of the display to the congregation for the first time of a number of handsome gifts made to the church during the past month. These gifts included an ornate and gorgeous set of vestments-chasuble matics and benediction veil-made of white moire silk and lavishly embroidered in gold with figures of passion flowers, roses and foliage, the offering of Mr. and Mrs. George May. A throne for the blessed sacrament was presented by an unnamed member of the parish; stations of the cross, in figure, were given by Mrs. Shean; two parishioners presented statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph; Mrs. John F. Ellis contributed a sanctuary lamp, Mrs. Anna Russell gave a triple gong, and a baptismal font was presented by Mrs. William Frank Thyson. Prof. L. E. Gannon, director of the choir, and Prof. Erik Rather, the organist, were assisted by an orchestra and many bers of the choir of St. Stephen's Church. The mass was Gounod's celebrated "Mas of the Sacred Heart," and was beautifully rendered. Other musical numbers were in terpolated as follows: An old Portuguese hymn performed as a cornet solo; "Adeste Fidelis," with an organ and orchestral accompaniment, arranged by Novello; Webb's anthem, "Glory to God;" "Holy Night." "Holy Night. as a processional; Diabelli's "Gaudeamus,"

Much of this music was repeated at this morning's service. Rev. Father McGee officiated at all the masses. The Franciscan Monks. With chants echoing solemnly through

and a quartet number by Prof. Gannon called "Veni Creator." The solos were per-formed by Mesdames Rosa Pennybacker

and E. Goldsboro Goddard, sopranos; Misses Margaret O'Brien and Sara Whitte-more, altos; Messrs. Ed. J. McQuade, tenor;



'A BACHELOR'S CHRISTMAS.

shipers streamed from the car line terminus in the village to the monastery on the hill, and when the Christmas eve service celebrate the festival with the monks a con-

The concomitants of the services in the monastery were unusually impressive. Low light in the chapel and a wealth of candles on the altar heightened decidedly the ecclesiastical and mediaeval character of the architecture. A burst of light in the chan-cel emphasized the beauty of banks of flow-

The music of the service and the high mass which followed at midnight was performed by a choir of fifty well-trained male voices. But it was the procession to the grotto which awoke most vividly the fancy of the laymen assembled to welcome Christ mas day as it was welcomed by the monks of 400 years ago. When the high mass ended, Father Leonard, the superior, and the brown-habited monks of the cloisters led a long procession of worshipers about the narrow corridors, lit with flickering candles, until they came upon the grotte of Bethlehem from the east. This group is in the center of the building and itself centers on a reproduction of the manger in which the shepherds found Jesus of Nazareth. Last night the representation of the the mother and father leaning over the and back of the sacred group. Beyond the altar were three evergreen trees arranged to reflect the figures of the nativity and two trees in each corner of the grotto. The seats set up in the corridors at the east, south and west of the grotto, accommodated about 500 persons. When as many as possible had been stationed within sight of took position in the east end of the grotto this gathering worshiped under the low bled reverently before a representation of the first Christmas and led by the sturdy voices of half a hundred resolute, rough

Program at St. Aloysius. A mass never before sung in America

marked the Christmas services at St. Aloysius Church this morning. It was a cemposition by Emilio Pizzi, a classmate of Mascagni, and it embodied the rich orchestral and choral effects characteristic of the new Italian school. It was performed with the aid of a full orchestra and was heard by Cardinal Martinelli, who had previously music of the early service included Gounod's "St. Cecelia," and was also rendered by the full church choir and an orchestra. Those who figured prominently in the musical of-ferings of the day were: S. J. Kubel, director; Dr. Anton Gloetzner, organist; Mrs. Blanche Mattingly Rogers, soprano; Mrs. Margaret Nolan Martin, contralto; Mr. Charles E. Myers, tenor; Mr. James J.

Nolan, basso; Mr. Sol Minster, conductor of the orchestra.

Another New Composition. Another new mass, "In Honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel," composed by Victor Hammerel of New York city, was sung at St. Mary's Catholic Church during the early mass, which was celebrated at 5 o'clock. The choir included as sepranos, Mrs. Kitty Thompson Berry, Miss Appolonia Miller and Miss Ella M. Soehnchen; as tenors, Messrs, Aloysius S. Fennell and Lawrence J. Mills; as bassos, Messrs, Frank A. Rebstock, J. Frank White, Robert Paul and Henry P. Werres. The children of the parochial school sang the music for the 10 o'clock mass. A third program of special musical numbers will be rendered at the vesper service.

St. Patrick's Church. Each of the four masses celebrated at St Patrick's included several exceptional musical numbers. The regular choir of the church was augmented by a considerable chorus, chosen from various sources, and

included Mrs. Annie Grant Fugitt, soprano; Miss Mamie Grant, contralto; Mr. Melville Hensey, tenor; Mr. Charles Goodchild, basso; Mr. Hermann Rakemann, violin principale; Mr. Armand Gumprecht, director. Haydn's Mass No. 2 formed the basis of all four programs. Among the other notable selections was Adam Buck's postlude, "O In all of the Georgetown churches Christ-

emn procession through the grotto of Beth- instance. Midnight mass was celebrated in pletely burned six miles south of here just lehem to the image of the infant Jesus in the Dahlgren Memorial Chapel at George- before midnight. Three persons were inthe manger, the Franciscan monks of town University, which was attended by jured, but no one killed. The baggage, ex-Brookland ushered in Christmas day, From | nearly all of the students and members of side persons were also present. Midnight mass was also celebrated at St. Ann's Church, Tenleytown, Rev. J. C. Mallon, the pastor, being the celebrant. sical program was arranged for the occa-

Solemn high mass was celebrated at 5 o'clock this morning at Trinity Church. The edifice was brilliantly illuminated, and the chancel was decorated with palms and potted plants. Rev. J. F. X. Mulvaney, S. J., was the celebrant, with several assistants and the full number of altar boys. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Solemn high mass, with benedic-f the blessed sacrament, was cele-Wood. brated at 11 o'clock, the last service of the

Rev. Frank H. Havenner conducted prayer meeting this morning at 6:30 o'clock at the Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church. Rev. Stanley Billheimer, pastor of the West Washington Evangelical Lutheran Church, held special services at his church this morning at 6 o'clock.

Morning and holy communion service was held at St. John's Church, corner of Potomac and O streets. The vested choir rendered a special and appropriate musical program, under the direction of R. L. Mc-A.B., the organist and choirmaster. At Christ Episcopal Church services commemorative of the day were also held, with a special musical program.

The Christmas carols of the Sunday school of St. John's Church were sung yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the children. At the conclusion of the carols the children proceedings. the children proceeded to the lecture room, where an immense tree, prettily trimmed, was the attraction. Gifts were distributed to every child, much to the gratification and pleasure of all. This evening at 6:30 o'clock the Sunday school of the West Washington Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold its Christ-mas jollification. The pastor will have

THE DISTINGUISHED SICK.

charge of the program that will be ren-

Gen. Alger and Senator Sewell Are Both Improving. DETROIT, Mich., December 25 .- Christmas morning found Gen. R. A. Alger resting comfortably after a very good night. The bulletin issued by the physicians reads: "Gen. Alger passed a very good night, obtaining several hours' sleep. He has had no disturbance of the stomach since yesterday afternoon. His temperature this morning is 99; pulse, 72.
"H. W. LONGYEAR, M. D."

"C. G. JENNINGS, M. D., CAMDEN, N. J., December 25.—A slight improvement in the condition of Senator William J. Sewell was reported this morning by his physician. Gen. Sewell rallied from his weak spells of yesterday and rested comfortably last night.

FIRE AT SHREVEPORT, LA.

The Furniture Establishment of Jack son Brothers Destroyed. NEW ORLEANS, December 25 .- Fire at Shreveport, La., early today destroyed the furniture establishment of Jackson Bros., involving a loss of \$60,000 on stock and \$15,000 on building.

The fire situation in Shreveport is considered bad, and an agitation has been started in favor of building reform and improved fire apparatus. Forty insurance companies have withdrawn from the city, pending an adjustment of conditions. The losses in the past six months have been exceptionally heavy.

YOUNG GIRL TAKES STRYCHNINE.

in Detroit. DETROIT, December 25.-Nettle Hoose, a sixteen-year-old girl, drank the contents of a bottle of strychnine early today while standing at a patrol box with an officer, who had taken her out of a saloon a few minutes before and placed her under arrest. She died a short time later at Emergency Hospital.

FIRE FOLLOWS TRAIN WRECK. DALLAS, Texas, December 25.-The Missouri, Kansas and Texas north and pasmas was celebrated in the usual manner, senger train, due in Dallas at 11:20 o'clock the high arches of their chapel and a sol- the services being well attended in every last night, was wrecked and almost com-

were saved. Injured: Jenks Clark, engineer; William

Kevney, fireman; Joseph Henry, colored, The engine and one Pullman are all that remain, five cars having been destroyed. The engine is bottom-up in the ditch.

NATHANIEL MCKAY GETS DIVORCE. Well-Known Citizen of Washington

Separated From Wife. GUTHRIE, Okla., December 25.-Mr. Nathaniel McKay, owner of the Dewey Hotel at Washington, D. C., obtained a divorce here yesterday from his wife, Jennie Pope McKay of New York city.

Inquiry made today at the Dewey Hotel developed the fact that Mr. McKay is still in Guthrie, Oklahoma, whither about a week ago to be present at the final hearing of his petition for divorce against his wife. It was stated that he would not return to Washington until after New Year. It has been known for some years past, it is said, that Mr. and Mrs. McKay were estranged, and that the latter has resided in New York, while her husband lived here. Mr. McKay, aside from being the proprietor of the Dewey Hotel, is well known in congressional circles. He is constantly at the Capital, and acts in the capacity of attorney and adviser for many persons in matters before Congress. The fact that the divorce has granted in Oklahoma would indicate that Mr. McKay has declared that to be his legal residence for several months past at

STEAMER BURNS AT WHARF. Three Passengers Lose Their Lives in Fire at Memphis, Tenn.

the least.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., December 25 .- The stern-wheel steamer Sun, plying between this port and Fulton, Tenn., burned to the water's edge at 5 o'clock today at her moorings at the wharf on the city front. The boat arrived from Fulton about midnight last night with fifteen passengers, all of whom were asleep on board when the fire broke out. Of these three are known to be lost, D. N. Rainey and wife of Old River, Tenn., and Mrs. G. M. Tims of Richardson Landing, Ark. Their charred remains have been recovered from the wreck. The threemonths-old child of Mrs. Tims is missing. It is believed that all the other persons on board escaped. The fire originated in a pile of seed cotton on the boiler deck, and probably was started by a spark from the furnace. The boat was valued at \$10,000 and was about half insured. The cargo was totally destroyed.

SAID HIS WIFE WAS UNTRUE. John Bell's Excuse for Killing Her

in Brooklyn. NEW YORK, December 25 .- John Bell, a carpenter, today shot and killed his wife in the kitchen of their home in Brooklyn. He then hunted up a policeman and confessed his crime, claiming that his wife, who had recently returned from a visit to her parents in Scotland, had been untrue to

MRS. DENNIS' CONDITION. Change Since Yesterday, and

Mystery Dark as Ever. Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the dressmaker who was assaulted at her home, on K street, fifteen days ago, was reported by the physicians today as holding her own. The doctors visited her as usual, and found her in the same condition that she was yesterday. Nothing has yet been said by the patient

which will in any way assist the police in the investigation of the mystery surrounduntil there is a more decided improve-ment in her condition no further attempt will be made to get a statement from the

HOUSTON, Texas, December 25 .- A circular has been received from Charles H. Tweed, New York, president of the Houston, East and West Texas railroad, appointing F. B. Goodrich manager of that property. Mr. Goodrich is also appointed manager of the Houston and Shreveport road

ITALY'S CONTENTION FOR WORTHY POOR

Seeking Protection of Her Citizens in Thousands of Hearts Made Glad This This Country.

WANTS FEDERAL STATUTES ALTERED NOBLE WORK OF ALMAS TEMPLE

Views of the Italian Ambassador Baskets of Provisions Sent Out Presented.

PUNISHMENT OF LYNCHERS OTHER CHARITABLE WORK

The Italian government has been renewing its efforts of late with the authorities no time in the year is this thought brought in Washington to have our federal statutes to mind more forcibly than at the approach so extended as to protect foreigners in of the holiday season, when gladness and cases arising within the jurisdiction of states, thus giving a federal remedy for meet just such a contingency the various lynchings, and like affrays directed against charitable organizations of the District Italians, such as have occurred in Louisi- have been working assiduously for many ana, Colorado and Mississippi. It is the days to properly insure the destitute having exchange of views in this connection which a merry Christmas, There has been a recently brought on the discussion in the marked co-operation in this respect among Italian senate, when Baron Fava interpolated the Italian premier as to the prospraiseworthy, and the result is that on no pects of an adjustment. Immediately on the arrival in this city of the new ambas- well provided for. The Associated Charisador, Signor Mayor Des Planches, he took up this question, which had arisen in connection with the lynching of several that made glad many a formerly neglected ties has been most active, and through its Guaranteed Protection.

In this connection Signor Mayor said today: "Under the treaty which exists between Italy and the United States, the citizens of each country are guaranteed the fullest protection while residing in the other country. In the case of Americans residing in Italy they had exactly the same rights, the same protection, the same recourse to the courts that an Italian subject enjoys, The only exception is in connection with political rights. In the case of Italians residing in the United States, the treaty assures them the same rights. nection with political rights. In the case of Italians residing in the United States, the treaty assures them the same rights and protection given to American citizens. But unfortunately this expression of the treaty so far as it relates to Italians in this country, is somewhat theoretical, for under the American system which limits the federal authority over states, the central government is not able to give effect to the guarantee laid down by the treaty. We fully recognize the difficulties of this situation, which have been as apparent to the statesmen of this country as they have to those of Italy. We have hoped this would bring about the enactment of a law which would permit the federal government to carry out the guarantee of treaties. This would be a genuine remedy for affairs similar to those which have occurred in Louisiana and Mississippi, and would prevent the periodical agitation over cases arising in the states. As these cases arose, they would be assured of attention under the federal authority with careful regard for the execution of treaty obligations.

Indemnity Not the Question.

ernment. The Italian government does not seek blood money. To ask for a money

payment would amount to placing a price

upon a corpse; it would be reckoning in

dollars and cents the value of the blood of

an Italian subject. No, most assuredly

there is no such suggestion of recompense

coming from the Italian government. At

the same time the families of the victims.

who are the ones most directly affected,

are naturally willing to listen to sug-

gestions of a monetary indemnity, and

made by the state or federal authorities,

medium for considering them in behalf of

our people. But such indemnities are to

government, which feels that there is a

financial return to individuals. It is the

real and the permanent remedy of having

the federal laws of the United States to

guaranteed in our treatles that we desire, and it is to this end that my exchange of

views is tending, rather than to the pay-

ment of special indemnities in special cases. What the Italian government is

hopeful of seeing accomplished is a system

MRS. McKINLEY'S CHRISTMAS.

She Spent the Day Alone at Her Can-

ton Home.

CANTON, Ohio, December 25.-Mrs. Mc-

minded of the Christmas days of the past,

Mrs. McKinley's condition is as good, or

better than it has been since the tragedy.

Relatives who see her most of the time

state that she shows gradual improvement.

She remembered many of her friends with

little Christmas presents today, and she re-

ceived flowers and presents from all over

'FRISCO ROAD SOLD.

Baltimore Syndicate Buys the Market

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25 .- The

Market street railway system has practi-

cally changed hands, the Baltimore syndi-

cate, which has had an option on the prop-

erty, having paid the first installment on

the purchase price. It is understood that

extensive improvements in the lines con-

nected with the system, which cover the principal streets of the city, are contem-

NEW YORK FARMER KILLED.

HUDSON, N. Y., December 25 .- Peter A.

Hallenbeck, a well-known farmer in Co-

lumbia county, while alone in his house

last night was shot to death by three un-

known men. The men were afterward seen

driving toward Catskill station. Eleven

shots were fired into Hallenbeck's body. The farmers have lately been annoyed by poultry thieves, and it is thought the mur-

DULUTH RAILWAY TO BE SOLD.

Yards, Franchises, Etc.

DULUTH, Minn., December 25 .- By the

terms of a decree in foreclosure the prop-

erty of the Duluth Transfer Railway Com-

pany will be sold at auction January 2.

The property comprises railway tracks.

switching yards and right of way from the

Union depot to New Duluth. Captain T.

H. Pressnell has been designated as special

master in chancery to conduct the sale, and his instructions state he is not to consider any bid of less than \$500,000. The company was originally bonded to the extent of \$1,180,000, and the amount of indebtedness is \$1,284,221.

der was done by some of them.

Shot to Death by Three Men, Supp

plated by the purchasers.

Street Railway System.

as she would be by such a dinner.

the country.

involved than any

indemnities in special

we can do nothing more than be

far greater question

give to Italian

when these suggestions are voluntarily

of the nobles worked with a will filling the baskets and getting everything in readi-ness for today's distribution. Potentate Frank K. Raymond was in charge of the work. Frank A. Sebring looked after the distribution of the tickets and Thomas B. Walker and E. H. Pillsbury' saw that the baskets were delivered. George H. Walker who has been potentate of Almas Temple, stood at the main door of the armory all the forenoon and saw that no needy per-son was turned away. Covered With Baskets of Provisions,

The entire floor of the drill room was covered with baskets of provisions before the work of delivering was commenced. In the center of the room were two Christmas trees loaded with presents and confections. The whole scene reminded one of a cotton ry basket was filled to overflow Miss., there has been more or less dising. The contents of each basket were twenty pounds of flour, one pound of cofcussion of the payment of a money indemnity. But in the view of the Italian fee, one-half pound of tea, one quart of beans, two pounds of hominy, one box of government, the question of indemnity does English plum pudding, a ham weighing from six to ten pounds, one peck of tur-nips and a loaf of fresh bread. not enter into the case. There has been no suggestion coming from us, much less a demand, for a cash indemnity to the gov-

The Customer worth having is the head of the family. To

reach the head of the family ad-

vertise in The Evening Star. It goes into more households in Washington than all the other

city papers added together.

Christmas.

and a Concert for Children.

the various charities that has been most

previous occasion have the poor been so

These agents, many of whom did the work

oluntarily and without remuneration, have

patrolled the courts, alleys and tenements, ferreting out destitute families that de-served relief. Many pitiful stories are re-lated by these agents of cases of destitution

All were relieved, however, according to

Work of Almas Temple.

The drill room of the National Rifles!

Armory on G street presented a scene of animation from long before sunrise today,

It has been the custom of the members of Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine, to display,

their deeds of charity at Christmas time,

and this year was no exception.
Until long after midnight half a hundred

that they encountered in their rounds.

the exigencies of each individual case.

hearthstone today.

Twenty or more wagons were backed up at the rear door of the armory when the ing. There was little, if any, delay in getting the baskets into the wagons and o to the homes, where they brought good cheer. Quite a number of persons called with their tickets and took the baskets away with them.

Concert for Poor Children

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Haley's Band marched into the armory and took seats provided for it on the east side of the drill room. A concert was given, lasting until after 4 o'clock. This was provided for the pleasure of the poor children of the city. the people affected, and not to the Italian Hundreds of little men and women flocked to the armory, listened to the music and were given candy and nuts. Three tons of candy were distributed by the Shriners There were 1.800 pairs of stockings filled of the United States to with sweetmeats, and when these were ex-subjects the protection hausted 1,500 boxes of the same were given out. The little folks enjoyed the treat hugely, and their childish prattle was enough in itself to repay the big-hearted men of Almas Temple, who had worked so hard to make the occasion a success. General George H. Harries of the ington Traction Company contributed 600 street car tickets and Glover & Hyde of the

> and these were distributed among those who needed transportation.

Columbia Traction Company 500 tickets.

The day at the Central Union Mission Kinley spent Christmas day alone at her was one of good cheer. At 10 o'clock services were held in the auditorium. O. B. home. She was urged to join the Barber family in their Christmas dinner at the Brown, chairman of the board of directors, old Saxton homestead, but declined to do presided. There was good singing. A hunso. She did not wish to be so forcibly redred men from the streets sought refuge there and seemed to appreciate the gospel words that were told. Just before the close of the service Mr. Brown said that the board of directors had decided to give 3 little token of money to the employes that had been so faithful through the year and had contributed so much to place the mission on a sure foundation.
"To carry on this work for the Lord it

requires a great many workers and there is much work to be done," he said. "There is work, both manual and mental to be Christ brought good will to men, We are our brother's keeper. have been reached by the spirit of the Lord Jesus know this as none other can. The board has watched with pleasure the fidelity of those who have worked so hard for the mission. We realize that we are all on a common platform. We want to live with Him and in harmony with each other, Mr. J. C. Pratt, the treasurer, after explaining that the money had been contribi uted as a free will offering from the Christian churches of the city, called off the names of the employes and each was handed an envelope. Every person who desired one was given

a ticket which entitled him to a bountiful Christmas dinner.

Salvation Army. The Salvation army, as has been the custom for years, looked after a great many needy families in the city. The soldier have been working almost day and night during the past month to accomplish as much good as possible. Nearly 300 baskets of provisions were sent out to needy families, and it is estimated that at least 1,800 persons will be benefited thereby. Many articles of clothing were also distributed

among the poor. Yesterday the Yesterday the ladies of St. Patrick's Church met in Carroll Hall and filled 150 families of the church.

An oyster supper and Christmas social will be given to the Young Wage Earners' Club at 522 6th street on Thursday evening, December 26, at 7 o'clock, by the W. C. T. U. ladles having charge of that branch

their work. In Georgetown. The hearts of many poor families in the

section west of Rock creek were made happy today by the donations of good things for the holiday. If anything, the charity this year exceeded that for many years past, and besides the regular organ zations, which make a specialty of the matter, the donations of food and good things by private individuals was unusu-ally large. Perhaps the happiest man is